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Editor's Corner

Due to the unfortunate illness in the family of President Jeffery M. Dunham this issue will not contain the usual President's Letter. We wish all the best for President Jeffery Dunham and his family.

In this issue I want to continue publishing the results of research that has recently come to light. Piecing together vital records and the research done by descendants who have access to family history, bible records or letters we can sometimes bridge the gap between those vital records and census data when that knowledge comes from family tradition.

Sometimes this will lead us to a proof through probate records or land deeds, but sometimes the connection must still be based on circumstantial evidence. Still, it is important to get these research results in print so that another researcher may perhaps build on them. We are always hopeful that the discovery of an old forgotten or misplaced document will clarify the evidence we have presented and solve the puzzle of lineage or origin.

With this issue I want to share the history of a Dunham line who migrated from Colchester, CT to Madison County, NY, then to Allegany County, NY and on to Kirtland, OH where this group of Dunhams joined the Mormon Church.

A little background into the religious climate that existed in the central and western portions of New York State during the Second Great Awakening will help understand the revelations of Joseph Smith and the beginnings of the Church of Christ, later known as The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. This area of New York State was often called "the burned-over district" not because of fires, but because of the numerous religions revivals that occurred in this area. A brief summary about Joseph Smith, founder of the LDS church follows the main article.

Gratia Dunham Mahony, Editor

A Mormon Dunham Connection

by Gratia Dunham Mahony and Karen Burr Rhodes

It can take years to find the correct genealogical line, and sometimes it only happens when a genealogist gets a query from a person who is researching their own Dunham branch and shares that bit of their own research and information. That happened to me just this fall when Karen Rhodes wrote about her Allegany County, New York Dunham family who briefly joined the Mormon Church (later known as The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints). Karen shared information about her ancestor George Washington Dunham who was the brother of Jonathan Dunham, a well know and high level leader in the establishment of the Mormon Church in Kirtland, Lake County, Ohio.

These Dunham families came to Kirtland from Allegany County, New York, and were earlier living in Hamilton, Madison County, New York. That was just the bit of information that I needed to identify the Dunham families in Allegany County. Years ago Bill Burke, a member of this Dunham Family Research Association, and I worked to identify all the Dunhams living in the state of New York who were enumerated in the federal census records. Neither Bill nor I could find the connection of the Dunhams living in Allegany County. Now, thanks to information from Karen Rhodes, we can compile and share the path of this interesting Dunham family line which is descended from Deacon John Dunham of Plymouth.

A “Double” Dunham Line

William⁵ Dunham (Jonathan^{4,3,2} John¹) born probably in Edgartown about 1715,^[1] died in Colchester Connecticut (probably in the Westchester Society) 10 November 1781 in 68th year.^[2] He married in Colchester Connecticut 10 November 1739 his cousin **Persis⁴ Dunham**,^[3] daughter of Daniel³ and Rebecca (--) Dunham. Persis Dunham was born about 1713. William was a farmer, and member of the Congregational Church. He is called Lt. William Dunham on his gravestone and is buried in the Westchester Center Cemetery, Colchester, New London County, CT.

References:

1. TAG 44:222. 2. Loveland, J. B. and George, Genealogy of the Loveland Family in the USA from 1635-1892; pub. 1895, Vol. III: p. 294-5. 3. Colchester Vital Records, pub. by GPC, 1996, p. 82.

Persis⁴ Dunham (Daniel³ Jonathan² John¹) born probably in Edgartown about 1713,^[1] baptized 3 February 1723.^[2] She married in Colchester Connecticut 10 November 1739 her first cousin once removed **William⁵ Dunham**.

More information about the ancestry of both William⁵ and Persis⁴ Dunham can be seen on the web site www.dunham-singletary.org .

Children of William ⁵ and Persis ⁴ (Dunham) Dunham: ^[3]

- 170. i. William ⁶ Dunham b. 6 September 1740
- 171. ii. Eleazer ⁶ Dunham b. 15 Dec. 1742
- iii. Esther ⁶ Dunham b. 8 May 1743, d. soon
- 172. iv. Jonathan ⁶ Dunham b. 20 Jan. 1745**
- 173. v. Persis ⁶ Dunham b. 20 May 1747
 - d. 10 November 1772 in 25th year. Buried in Westchester Center Cemetery, Colchester, New London Co. CT (also her father buried here)
(Ref. NEHGS web site)
- 174. vi. Esther ⁶ Dunham b. 2 May 1748 or 1749
- 175. vii. Samuel ⁶ Dunham b. 10 Oct. 1751
- viii. Mary ⁶ Dunham b. 17 Mar. 1754; d. 13 May 1755 [Ref. for death, CT Nutmegger Vol. 27, #3 Dec. 1994 p. 427.] Colchester deaths.

References:

1. TAG 44:222. 2. Colchester Vital Records, pub. by GPC, 1996, p.61 & 82. 3. TAG 39:198, Colchester Vital Records, pub. by GPC, 1996 p. 81-82.

172. Jonathan ⁶ Dunham (William ⁵ Jonathan ^{4,3,2} John ¹) born in Colchester Connecticut 20 January 1745; ^[1] died East Hamilton, Madison Co., NY in 1821. He married about 1766 in Colchester, New London Co. CT Mehitable Daniels. ^[2] She was born about May 1746 in Middletown, Middlesex Co. CT. She was daughter of Nehemiah and Elizabeth (Worthington) Daniels.

Jonathan and Mehitable Dunham settled in Hamilton in 1802. Jonathan Dunham was Town Clerk there in 1807-1809.

From DAR Lineage Book Vol. 35:83 re: Jonathan Dunham and Mehitable Knowlton, m. 1767. Jonathan Dunham (1745-1821), served as corporal in Capt. Amos Jones' company of CT militia 1777 in the Burgoyne campaign. He was born in Colchester, CT; d. in East Hamilton NY. Jonathan ⁶ and Mehitable were parents of Hazael Dunham (1776-1859) who m. Abigail Rowley (1779-1861). Hazael ⁷ Dunham and Abigail were parents of Lannon Hoadley ⁸ Dunham who m. Harriet Muir. They were parents of Frances ⁹ Dunham b. Earlville (which is in Town of Hamilton Madison Co. NY), who m. William Adolphus Van Slyke.

Also: From DAR Lineage Book Vol. 79:195, Hazael Dunham and Abigail Rawley had Hiram Dunham (1806-1881) who m. Eliza Snooks (1810-1880). Hiram and Eliza were parents of George Dunham b. 1834 who m. in 1868 Ella Williams (1850-1882). George and Ella were parents of Adah Dunham, b. in Hancock Co. IL, who m. Frederick Elliot Pyle.

From Records of Colchester CT by Taintor, p. 154;
List of Polls for Parish of Westchester for 1787 include Eleazer & Eleazer Dunham Jr., and Jonathan Dunham.

Children of Jonathan ⁶ and Mehitable (Daniels) Dunham:

653. i. Jonathan ⁷ Dunham (Jonathan ⁶ William ⁵ Jonathan ^{4,3,2} John ¹)
b. prob. abt. 1768-70
m. 24 Nov. 1791 Susanna Kellogg
654. ii. Elias ⁷ Dunham (Jonathan ⁶ William ⁵ Jonathan ^{4,3,2} John ¹)
b. abt. 1770
m. Jerusha Lewis 10 March 1791 m. Winchester, Litchfield Co. CT
655. iii. Mehitable ⁷ Dunham (Jonathan ⁶ William ⁵ Jonathan ^{4,3,2} John ¹)
b. Colchester, 1774, m. Asher Rowley 18 May. 1792

A SAR application for membership gives a line from Asher and Mehitable (Dunham) Rowley: as Warren Dunham Rowley b. 1800; d. 1854. He married Harriet McCurrey in 1838. Warren Dunham and Harriet (McCurrey) Rowley were parents of H. Curtis Rowley b. in South Trenton, Oneida Co. NY 31 July 1844; m. Thirza J. Merriam in 1874. H. Curtis and Thirza J. (Merriam) Rowley were parents of Arthur Merriam Rowley who was born in Springfield, Hampden Co. MA 3 August 1883.

656. iv. Hazael ⁷ Dunham (Jonathan ⁶ William ⁵ Jonathan ^{4,3,2} John ¹)
b. Nov. 1776, CT, prob. Colchester
m. Abigail Rowley
657. v. Persis ⁷ Dunham (Jonathan ⁶ William ⁵ Jonathan ^{4,3,2} John ¹)
b. about 1772 Colchester CT.
m. 28 June 1792 Elisha Kellogg
658. vi. Martha ⁷ Dunham (Jonathan ⁶ William ⁵ Jonathan ^{4,3,2} John ¹)
b. about 1776
m. Isaac Kellogg
659. vii. There may also have been a son named Milon Dunham b. about 1781.
Milon ⁷ Dunham b. abt 1781 (see deed of Jonathan to Milon)

From Madison Co. NY deeds,

C:120, 14 June 1808, Jonathan Dunham of Hamilton Grantor to Hazael Dunham of Hamilton
E:168, 22 Sept 1810 Jonathan Dunham, Gentleman, Grantor to A. Wilder

signed Jonathan and Mehitable Dunham

signed in presence of David Dunham and Milon Dunham

Madison Co. Deeds N:363 Milon Dunham to Daniel Ely

and Q:65, Milon Dunham to Thomas Dibble, "land of Jonathan bequeathed to Milon in will"
dated 22 Nov. 1817; so, Milon was prob. a son of Jonathan ⁶

A Milon Dunham appears on the 1820 Census in Galen, Seneca Co. NY p. 121; 100010-10100 (Galen was later in Wayne Co. NY) It is right on the Erie Canal

This family would be:

1 male under 10; probably James, born about 1820

1 male 26-45, Milon Dunham b. 1781 so age 39

1 f. under 10

1 f. 16-26

References:

1. Colchester Vital Records, pub. by GPC, 1996, p. 81.

2. From Bailey's Early Ct. Marriages book 7:113 Jonathan Dunham m. Mehitable Daniels, ----1767

653. Jonathan ⁷ Dunham (Jonathan ⁶ William ⁵ Jonathan ^{4,3,2} John ¹) b. prob. abt. 1768-70; died after 1835 when he went with his family to Kirtland, Ohio. He married in Winchester, Litchfield Co. CT 24 November 1791 Susanna Kellogg. ^[1] She was born in Barkhamsted, CT 10 January 1774. ^[2] She was daughter of Eleazer and Esther (Fuller) Kellogg. ^[3]

From Madison Co. NY deeds:

Q:245, dated 27 June 1820, Jonathan Dunham and wife, of Hamilton grantor to Rodney Ackley

Signed Jonathan Dunham and Susannah, in presence of Thomas Dibble

S:329, 2 deeds, one dated 3 Feb. 1812, Jonathan Dunham, Jr. and wife Susannah

Two dated 19 July 1822, Jonathan & wife Grantor to Joseph Fairbank

From 1790 census of Barkhamsted, Litchfield Co. CT:

Jonathan Dunham 2-2-4 (this would be the family of Jonathan ⁶ Dunham)

From 1800 census of Paris, Oneida Co. NY:

Jonathan Dunham

1 m. under 10 (b. 1790-1800) (prob. Jonathan ⁸ Dunham b. about 1800)

1 m. 16-26 (so b. 1774-1784) (poss. Hazael ⁷ b. 1776)

1 m. 26-45 (b. 1755-1774) (prob. Jonathan ⁷ b. 1768-70)

4 f. under 10 (b. 1790-1800) (prob. 4 daughters of Jonathan and Susannah, b. bet. 1792-1800)

1 f. 26-45 (prob . Susannah Kellogg wife of Jonathan ⁷ Dunham)

Also same page: Daniel Kellogg, Isaac Kellogg and Gamaliel Loomis

From The History of Chenango and Madison Counties, New York: by James H. Smith, pub.

Mason & Co. Syracuse, NY 1880; under Town of Hamilton, "Jonathan Dunham arrived in the town in 1802, and was town clerk from 1807-1809. His son Jonathan, Jr. served as town clerk in 1811."

Children of Jonathan ⁷ and Susanna (Kellogg) Dunham given in the Kellogg Genealogy (numbers 6941-6948 are: ^[4]

- i. Wellington Dunham
 - ii. Milan Dunham
 - iii. Harrison Dunham
 - iv. Susan Dunham
 - v. Lydia Dunham
 - vi. Achsah Dunham
 - vii. Persis Dunham
 - viii Harriet Dunham

From a family group sheet on MyHeritage.com birth dates are given for the above 8 children, but they may just be guesses and there is no source given for these birth years. According to the family group sheet they were all born in Barkhamsted, Litchfield Co. CT. However, The Barbour Collection of Connecticut Vital Records for Barkhamsted shows NO Dunham births in that town. There are no births of any of these children in the Barbour Collection of Vital Records in any Connecticut town. The dates given and the order of the children that appear on the family group sheet are:

- i. Wellington Dunham b. 1792 (possibly Worthington Dunham?)
- ii. Milan Dunham b. 1794
- iii. Susan Dunham b. 1796
- iv. Lydia Dunham b. 1798
- v. Persis Dunham b. 1800
- vi. Harrison Dunham b. 1802
- vii. Achsah Dunham b. 1804
- viii. Harriet Dunham b. 1806

I think there was also a Jonathan ⁸ Dunham and a George Washington ⁸ Dunham. From research done by Karen Rhodes Jonathan Dunham was born about 1800 and George Washington Dunham was born about 1803. They would certainly fit into the correct time frame for children of Jonathan ⁶ and Susannah (Kellogg) Dunham. I have tried to find further information on these children and do not find anything about any of them.

There may have been a William ⁸ Dunham as well but he was not the William b. 6 March 17, 1792. That William ⁸ Dunham was a son of William ⁷, Eleazer ⁶ William ⁵ Jonathan ^{4,3,2} John ¹.

The 1800 census of Paris, Oneida County, New York shows a Jonathan Dunham with family of:

1 m. under 10

1 m. 16-26

1 m. 26-45

4 f. under 10

1 f. 26-45

It should be noted that there were several Kellogg families lining in Paris, Oneida County, NY near Jonathan Dunham. Some of these were Eleazer Kellogg (male over 45) who was the father of Susannah Kellogg, ^[5] and Elijah Kellogg (male 26-45) who could have been the brother of

Susannah Kellogg, and also Isaac Kellogg who was probably related to the other Kelloggs found in Paris.

From French's Gazetteer of New York, re: Hamilton, Madison County: "Hamilton was formed from Paris, (Oneida Co.,) March 5 1795, and was named for Alexander Hamilton. Eaton, Lebanon, and Madison were taken off in 1807. . . .Hamilton was incorporated April 12, 1812, and is situated on the Chenango Canal."

I believe that the Kellogg and Jonathan Dunham families moved from Barkhamsted shortly after Jonathan and Susanna Kellogg were married, and that they had five children born in Paris whose names are not recorded. Jonathan Dunham is listed as an early settler of Hamilton, Madison County, NY in 1802. [Ref. History of Chenango and Madison Co. NY by James H. Smith pub. 1880. Early Settlers in the Town of Hamilton (#4).]

So for the purposes of building a circumstantial case that there were sons of Jonathan ⁷ and Susanna (Kellogg) Dunham who were Jonathan ⁸ and George Washington ⁸ Dunham, and probably William ⁸ Dunham this line will continue. There is also a Susan Dunham who became the third wife of Alanson Burr, and this Alanson Burr was the father of Alanson Andrew Jackson and Alva Burr as described below. In the 1855 NY census for Caneadea, Alanson and his second wife Susan M. Burr have a Susan Dunham, aged 84, and born in CT listed as living in their household and she was listed as a mother.

- 666. ix. Jonathan ⁸ Dunham b. about 1800
- 667. x. George Washington ⁸ Dunham b. about 1803
- 668. xi. William ⁸ Dunham
- 669. xii. Probably also Susan ⁸ Dunham b. ca. 1809
 - m. as his third wife Alanson Burr and they were
 - parents of Alanson Andrew Jackson and Alva Burr

References:

1. Winchester, CT Vital Records p. 23
2. Kelloggs in the Old World and the New, Vol. 1 p. 488; #2762; Barbour Collection of Connecticut Vital Records, Barkhamsted, p. 30.
3. Ibid.
4. Op. Cit. Kellogg Genealogy
5. Ibid.

654. Elias ⁷ Dunham (Jonathan ⁶ William ⁵ Jonathan ^{4,3,2} John ¹) b. about 1770; d. in Madison Co. NY at age 100. He married in Winchester, Litchfield Co. CT 10 March 1791 Jerusha Lewis. ^[1]

Elias ⁷ Dunham had a factory on the Chenango River in Chenango County (the part that later became Madison County) for fulling and dyeing cloth.

See 1800 Census, Chenango Co. (part later became Madison Co.), p. 862

Elias Dunham, Jr., p. 862 00100-01110 [so this should be Elias ⁷ Dunham, but age abt. 30]

From Tuttle, Sketches of the Pioneers of Madison County, NY:
Elias Jr. On Hamilton census 1800. On jail limits for debt 1817.
Elias Lived in Hamilton 1816.

From 1810 census of Hamilton, Madison Co. NY:
Elias Dunham
1 m. 26-45 (so b. 1765-1784) so if b. 1768-70 he would be age abt. 40
1 f. under 10 (Eliza b. 1805)
1 f. 26-45

From 1820 Census of Madison Co. Hamilton:
Elias Dunham:
1 m. 26-45 (so b. 1775-1794) so if b. 1768-70 he would be age abt. 50
1 f. 10-16 (so b. 1804-1810) Eliza b. 1805
1 f. 26-45

References:

1. Barbour Collection of Vital Records, Winchester CT. p. 23

655. Mehitable ⁷ Dunham (Jonathan ⁶ William ⁵ Jonathan ^{4,3,2} John ¹) b. Colchester, CT in 1774.
She married 18 May, 1792 Asher Rowley.

Children of Asher and Mehitable (Dunham) Rowley:

- i. Betsy ⁸ Rowley b. 10 January 1794, Winstead, CT
m. Lewis McDonald
Res. Iowa
- ii. Ansel ⁸ Rowley b. 13 Feb. 1796
m. Lucy Claiborn
he d. 25 October 1851 in Washington DC
- iii. Elias ⁸ Rowley b. 22 March 1798
- iv. Warren Dunham ⁸ Rowley b. 20 June 1800
- v. Sally M. ⁸ Rowley b. 28 June 1802
- vi. Harriet ⁸ Rowley b. 1804; d. 1831
- vii. Harlow ⁸ Rowley b. 12 July 1808
- viii. Hiram ⁸ Rowley b. 1811; d. 1841
- ix. Charles ⁸ Rowley b. 1813; d. 1833
- x. Charlotte ⁸ Rowley b. & d. 1815

656. Hazael ⁷ Dunham (Jonathan ⁶ William ⁵ Jonathan ^{4,3,2} John ¹) b. Nov. 1776 probably in Colchester CT. He married Abigail Rowley. She was b. 1779; d. 31 August 1861 at South Bay, Cicero Town, Onondaga Co. NY.

From the obituary of Alpha R. Dunham (son of Hazael) : "Hazael Dunham died at the age of 84; Elias Dunham died at Hubbardsville at the age of 100."

They resided in Hamilton, Madison Co. New York, and Utica, Oneida Co. NY where he kept a hotel.

From Tuttle: "Mozel" should be Hazael, was on Hamilton 1800 census.

From Madison County Deed C:120 dated 14 June 1808, Hazael Dunham Grantee, from father Jonathan Dunham. "All that certain tract or parcel. . .which is part of a lot. . .Number 46 in said town".

Children of Hazael ⁷ and Abigail (Rowley) Dunham:

- +669. i. Alpha ⁸ Dunham b. 7 August 1800 in Hamilton, NY
- 670. ii. Warren ⁸ Dunham b. 22 March 1811
- 671. iii. Orson ⁸ Dunham b. 1813
- 672 iv. Valentine ⁸ Dunham b. 15 May 1816
- 673 v. Lannon Hoadley ⁸ Dunham b.
- vi. Abigail ⁸ Dunham b. 16 Dec. 1820
possibly also Isaac ⁸ Dunham

From Onondaga Co. NY web site for the Stone Arabia Cemetery (also known as Cicero Center Cemetery):

Dunham, Abigail 1775-1859 wife of Hazeal

Dunham, Hazeal 1775-1856

Dunham, Valentine d. 30 Nov. 1897, 81 yrs. 6 mos. 0 days, son of Hazael and Abigail

Dunham, Louisa A. (Driesback) 1830-1893, wife of Valentine.

657. Persis ⁷ Dunham (Jonathan ⁶ William ⁵ Jonathan ^{4,3,2} John ¹) b. in Colchester, New London Co. CT about 1772. She married in Winchester, Litchfield Co. CT 28 June 1792 Elisha Kellogg. ^[1] Elisha Kellogg was b. in Barkhamsted, CT 29 March 1772; died in 1857 in Carrolton, Cattaraugus Co. NY.

He was son of Eleazer Kellogg and brother of Susannah Kellogg who married Jonathan ⁷ Dunham. Three of Eleazer Kellogg's children married three of Jonathan Dunham's children; Elisha Kellogg m. Persis Dunham, Susannah Kellogg m. Jonathan ⁷ Dunham, Isaac Kellogg m. Martha Dunham.

References:

1. Kellogg Genealogy p. 488

Continuing the line of Jonathan⁸ and George Washington⁸ Dunham

For the purposes of building a circumstantial case that there were sons Jonathan⁸ and George Washington⁸ Dunham, and probably William⁸ Dunham this line will continue.

- 666. ix. Jonathan⁸ Dunham b. about 1800
- 667. x. George Washington⁸ Dunham b. about 1803
- 668. xi. William⁸ Dunham

When we look at the Federal Census data for Allegany County, NY in Rushford Township where Karen Rhodes says that her ancestors lived we find the following Dunhams which correlate to the age categories of the Madison County, NY Dunhams.

ALLEGANY COUNTY

~~~~1820~~~~

Rushford Township:

William Dunham:

1 m. under 10

1 m. 26-45 (so b. between 1775 and 1794)

1 f. 16-25

It should be noted that Jonathan Dunham and wife Susannah (Kellogg) Dunham were still living in Madison County, NY in 1820, and the 1822 date of sale of land to Joseph Fairbank might indicate that they were getting ready to move to Allegany County about that time.

Jonathan Dunham, Jonathan Dunham, Jr., George W. Dunham and William Dunham are all found listed close together in Rushford, Allegany County, NY in the 1830 census.

~~~~1830~~~~ Allegany County, NY

Rushford/p. 167 Jonathan

Rushford/p. 167 George W.

Rushford/p. 171 Jonathan Jr.

Rushford/p. 172 William

Enumeration of these four Dunham families shows the following:

Jonathan⁷ Dunham, p. 167

1 m. 10-15

1 m. 15-20

1 m. 50-60 (so b. 1770-1780) Jonathan⁷ Dunham b. about 1770

1 f. 20-30

1 f. 50-60 (Susannah (Kellogg) Dunham)

On line below Jonathan on p. 167 is George W.⁸ Dunham:

1 m. under 5 (George Dunham b. 3 July 1829, so age 1)

1 m. 20-30 (George Washington ⁸ Dunham b. about 1803, so age 27)
2 f. under 5 (Lucia b. 1825, Harriet b. 1827)
1 f. 20-30 (Betsy (Swift) Dunham b. 1802, so age 28)

Page 171 is Jonathan ⁸ Dunham, Jr.

1 m. under 5 (Albert Dunham b. 1828, so age 2)
1 m. 30-40 (Jonathan ⁸ Dunham b. 14 January 1800, so age 30)
1 f. 5-10 (Marsha/Marcia Dunham b. 1823, so age 7)
1 f. 20-30 (Mary (Kendall) Dunham b. 1802 so age 28)

Page 172 is William Dunham

1 m. 5-10
1 m. 30-40 (so b. 1790-1800)
1 m. 40-50 (William Dunham b. 1780-1790, probably related to Jonathan ⁷ Dunham;
He is called Uncle Bill Dunham in book "Rushford and Rushford People" p. 66)
2 f. under 5
1 f. 5-10
1 f. 20-30
1 f. 30-40

From The Joseph Smith Papers, a biography of Jonathan Dunham gives the following facts:

666. Jonathan ⁸ Dunham, b. Paris, Oneida Co. NY 14 Jan. 1800; d. 28 July 1845, son of Jonathan Dunham. He married Mary Kendall and they moved to Rushford, Allegany Co., NY by 1830. He was baptized into the LDS church and ordained an elder by 1836. He moved his family to the new Mormon community of Kirtland, Ohio ca. 1835. He served the mission to New York in 1836. He served the mission to the Indians in New York in 1837. He moved to Adamondi-Ahman, Daviess Co., Missouri in 1838. He was a leader in Missouri Mormon militia in 1838 and served missions to Indiana, Pennsylvania and New York in 1839. He was a leader in the Missouri Mormon militia in 1838. He moved to Nauvoo, Hancock Co., IL by 1841 and became Colonel in Nauvoo Legion by 1842. In Nauvoo he was appointed acting major general of Nauvoo Legion in 1844. He was among those arrested for destruction of *Nauvoo Expositor* press in June 1844. He escorted the bodies of Joseph Smith and Hyrum Smith into Nauvoo in June 1844. He was admitted to the Council of Fifty 1 March 1845 and left Nauvoo on assignment to attend council of Indian chiefs in Indian Territory April 1845. He died in Newton Co., Missouri while serving on a mission.

Children of Jonathan ⁸ and Mary (Kendall) Dunham:

- i. Marcia ⁹ Dunham b. 1823
- ii. Albert Warren ⁹ Dunham b. May 23, 1828 Allegany Co. NY; d. 1847 San Diego, CA*
- iii. Louisa ⁹ Dunham b. & d. 1829

* "Albert Dunham, son of Jonathan and Mary (Kendall) Dunham was a teamster working for Brigham Young when he enlisted during the Mexican War in the Mormon Battalion in July of 1846. The Mormon Battalion is the only religiously organized battalion in US history. The battalion was a volunteer unit of around 530-60 Latter-day Saints men. They were led by

Mormon company officers but commanded by regular U.S. Army officers. The battalion marched 2,000 miles from Council Bluffs, Iowa to San Diego. Albert died of a fever on May 11, 1847 in San Diego near the San Luis Rey Mission which had been garrisoned by the army for defense purposes. Years later his remains were removed and reburied in the newly established Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery, Point Loma, San Diego in 1874." [Ref. Narrative of Karen Rhodes.]

667. George Washington ⁸ Dunham b. in Hamilton, Madison Co. NY about 1803. His father had settled in Hamilton about 1802. George Washington Dunham married Betsy Swift about 1822. She was daughter of Charles and Johanna (Jackson) Swift. She was born in Cazenovia, Chenango (later Madison) County, NY on 9 November 1802. Betsy (Swift) Dunham (Sanborn) is buried in the private Burrville Cemetery in Caneadea beside her granddaughter Jennie Dunham who was born in 1857 and died in 1862. Jennie was daughter of George Washington ⁹ and Mary (Daniels) Dunham.

From Karen Rhodes: "My George Washington Dunham's brother, Jonathan Dunham (b. 1800) was an early influential Mormon. Elder Jonathan Dunham somehow influenced his family in Rushford, Allegany County, NY to follow him to Kirtland, Geauga Co. Ohio around 1835-6 and join the Mormons.

Also moving to Kirtland, Ohio with Jonathan, were his wife Mary Kendall Dunham and their son Albert; his brother George Washington Dunham with his wife Betsy Swift Dunham, and their 5 children; their elderly father Jonathan Dunham (b. ca 1770 so age about 60+) and their mother Susannah Kellogg Dunham (b. ca. 1774). The group also included Betsy's mother Johanna Jackson Swift, her brother Van Rensselaer Swift and family, and Mary's parents, the Kendalls. Once in Kirtland Susannah Kellogg Dunham reunited with her brother Hiram Kellogg, another Mormon elder who already resided there.

In Kirtland in 1836, George Washington ⁸ Dunham was given a Patriarchal blessing, by Joseph Smith, Sr. George stated that he was born in Hamilton, Madison County, NY and was 33 years old. At the same time his wife Betsy was also given a Patriarchal Blessing by Joseph Smith, Sr. and she stated she was born in Cazenovia, Madison Co. NY and was age 31. In June 1836 George Washington Dunham became an elder in the Mormon Church as recorded in LDS records. Ref. Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:52; Platt, Lyman, LDS Member Name Index, 1830-45 [database on-line] Provo, UT A Profile of Latter-day Saints of Kirtland, Ohio and Members of Zion's Camp, 105.

The date and place of death of George Washington ⁸ Dunham are unknown. Speculation is that both George and his father Jonathan ⁷ Dunham died either in Missouri or on the march from there to Nauvoo, Illinois. After George Washington ⁸ Dunham died (between 1836 and 1847) his widow and children returned to Allegany County, NY. She returned to the Methodist faith, and lived in Caneadea until her death. She married second Abijah Sanborn and they were the parents of Adalaide Sanborn (b. 1849).

Children of George Washington ⁸ and Betsy (Swift) Dunham: [from records of Karen Rhodes]

i. **Lucia Joan ⁹ Dunham** b. 4 October 1825; d. in Caneadea, Allegany Co. NY in 1908. She married in 1845 Alanson Andrew Jackson Burr. Alanson Burr was born in 1825; died in 1896. Both are buried in Burrville Cemetery, Caneadea, Allegany Co. NY. Lucia is the great great grandmother of Karen Rhodes.

From Karen Rhodes: "My gt gt grandmother, Lucia M. Dunham Burr was born in 1825 and died in 1908 in Caneadea, Allegany, NY. Lucia was married to Alanson Andrew Jackson Burr and her sister Harriet Dunham was married to his brother Alvah. Alanson AJ and Alvah were sons of Alanson and Susan (Bush) Burr of Caneadea-having come from Bainbridge, Chenango County, NY. Other children of Major Alanson and Susan (Bush) Burr were Joseph, Matilda, Eliza, and Allen. Matilda married Colonel James S. Jackson. When Matilda died, Col. Jackson married Achsah Dunham. Half-sister Adelaide Sanborn then in 1874 married James LeRoy Jackson, son of Matilda and Colonel James Jackson. This made Achsah mother-in-law to her own half-sister."

Children of Alanson Andrew Jackson Burr and Lucia Joan⁹ Dunham: All born in Caneadea, NY

- i) Lenore Denty ¹⁰ Burr b.12 May 1847, m. Jackson Soules, d. 23 Mar 1912
- ii) Adelbert J. ¹⁰ Burr b. 22 Jul 1848/51, m. 1 Augusta Thayer, 2 Nina Road Boyd, d. 18 Dec 1904
- iii) Mary B. ¹⁰ Burr b. 14 Oct 1852,m. Joseph Van Dusen, d. 1920
- iv) George B. ¹⁰ Burr b. 12 Mar 1855, m. Lillian Eastman, d. 6 Jul 1911
- v) Charles Arthur ¹⁰ Burr b. 1864, d. 1866
- vi) Cora A. ¹⁰ Burr b. 16 Aug 1869, m. Charles Balcom, d. 18 Mar 1912
- vii) Jackson Bruce ¹⁰ Burr b. 2 April 1868, m. Elizabeth Stewart, d. 6 Feb 1942

ii. **Harriet ⁹ Dunham** b. 1827; d. 1894. She married in 1849 Alvah Charles Burr. He was b. 25 July 1827; d. 23 May 1896. He was a contractor for the Genesee canal and later a Colonel of the 189th NY Regiment in the Civil War. Both are buried in Burrville Cemetery, Caneadea, Allegany Co. NY.

Children of Alvah C. Burr and Harriet⁹ Dunham: All born in Caneadea, NY, all died and buried in the Buffalo area

- i) Lewellyn ¹⁰ Burr b.c. 1852, m. Angie Lincoln, d. 1903
- ii) Frank P. ¹⁰ Burr b.c. 1857, m. but separated, d.
- iii) James DeForrest ¹⁰ Burr b.1 Oct 1860, m. Nellie Davis, Cora Wycoff,d. 6 Feb 1913

iii. **George Washington ⁹ Dunham, Jr.** b. July 3, 1829 in Rushford, Allegany Co. NY. He married Mary Daniels in 1851 in Caneadea. He died June 29, 1864 of wounds in the Battle of Cold Harbor in Virginia*

*George W. ⁹ Dunham, Jr. enlisted in the 9th NY Artillery of the Union Army and the Town of Caneadea paid him a bounty of \$300 in December 1863. Caneadea is next to Rushford. Six months later in June 1864, he was wounded by a bullet to the head at the Battle of Cold Harbor and taken to Fairfax Seminary and operated on. He died there and was buried in Alexandria Cemetery. He left a wife, Mary, and a daughter Helen.

Mary Daniels, of Westfield, Allegany Co. NY married first on 26 February, 1851 in Caneadea, Allegany Co. NY George W. Dunham of Rushford. After the death of George W. Dunham she married Andrew Shered on June 16, 1866.

Children of George W. ⁹ and Mary (Daniels) Dunham:

- i. Helen ¹⁰ Dunham b. 26 April 1852 [Ref. Civil War Pension record
Fold3.com image 315465009]
m. Dwight Ames; d. 1936 Conneaut, Ashtabula Co. OH
- ii. Jennie ¹⁰ Dunham b. 1857; d. 1862

iv. Achsah ⁹ Dunham b. about 1833. She married James A. Jackson. He was born about 1809. James A. and Achsah (Dunham) Jackson appear on the 1860 census of Caneadea, Allegany Co. NY next to the family of George W. Dunham.

v. Lyman ⁹ Dunham b. between 1826 and 1838. He appears on the 1870 census with a calculated birth date of 1835, but he appears on the list of enlisted soldiers of Army during War with Mexico, Army Register p. 341 as Lyman M. Dunham enlisted from Allegany Co. NY Sept. 28, 1847 age 21; discharged 7 April 1848 at City of Mexico. A second entry from Army Registers gives Lyman Dunham b. Allegany Co. age 26, laborer, enlisted June 2, 1855 at Buffalo, discharged 25 August 1855 at Carlisle Barracks, PA.

In the Civil War, Lyman enlisted in the 12th Pennsylvania Calvary, 113th Regiment, Company L as a buglar. His brother Milan was in the same regiment and company as a blacksmith.

From 1870 Census of Allegany Co. NY, Caneadea Township, p. 512

Lyman Dunham age 35, b. NY (so b. 1835) Works in Hotel of which James L. Jackson is Hotel Keeper. James Jackson is his brother-in-law.

From Caneadea Cemetery, located off Rt. 19 in Caneadea, NY headstones for:

Lyman M. Dunham b. 1838; d. 1906 Co. L 12 PA Cav., record gives death date as 18 Dec. 1906

Elizabeth Dunham b. 1841 – wife of Lyman

An Ancestry.com Family tree gives Elizabeth's surname as Perham.

vi. Milon ⁹ Dunham b. about 1841; died between 1875 when he appears on the NY state census in Allen Township, Allegany Co. NY and 1880 when Clarisa Dunham is called "widow".

In the Civil War, Milan enlisted in the 12th Pennsylvania Calvary, 113th Regiment, Company L as a blacksmith. At the same time his brother served in the same regiment and company as a bugler.

Milon ⁹ Dunham appears on the 1870 Census of Allen Township, Allegany Co. NY, p. 342:
Milon Dunham is buried in the Caneadea Cemetery, Allegany Co. NY.

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| Milon Dunham | 29 | b. NY, (so b. 1841) | Blacksmith |
| Clarisa Dunham | 30 | | |
| Elmer Redman | 8 | | |
| Bertie Redman | 5 | | |
| George Dunham | 1 | | |

From the 1880 Census of Allen Township, Allegany Co. NY:

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| Clarissa Dunham | 40 | widow |
| Elmer Redman | 18 | son |
| Almond Redman | 15 | son |
| George Dunham | 11 | son |

From the Civil War Pension Index; New York pension claim filed 24 June (1889)
Clarissa A. Dunham, widow of Milon Dunham.

From the Civil War Pension Index; New York pension claim filed 24 June, 1889
Clarissa A. Dunham, widow of Milon Dunham, blacksmith pension application #398430
Soldier enlisted 1 Feb. 1864 Co. L 12 Regt. PA Cav.
Soldier discharged 20 July 1865
Soldier d. 15 June 1878

NOTE: His Brother, Lyman M. Dunham also applied for a pension on 28 Sept. 1885
Lyman M. Dunham enlisted 10 Feb. 1864, Co. L 12 Regt. PA Cav. (same as Milon)
Soldier discharged 20 July 1865
invalid pension #550713
widow pension #862390
Soldier d. 1907

668. xi. William ⁸ Dunham (If not a son of Jonathan ⁷ Dunham he was somehow related to this family.)

From the 1820 Census of Rushford Township, Allegany Co. NY p. 006:
William Dunham
1 m. under 10
1 m. 26-45 (so b. 1775-1794)
1 f. 16-26 (so b. 1794-1804)

From FindaGrave.com: Lydia Dunham b. 22 May 1793; d. 30 June 1818 in Rushford, Allegany Co. NY age 25 yrs. 1 month, 8 days old. Her husband was William Dunham.

669. Alpha⁸ R. Dunham (Hazel⁷ Jonathan⁶ William⁵ Jonathan^{4,3,2} John¹) b. in Hamilton, Madison Co. NY 7 August 1800; ^[1] d. in Hamilton Center 2 July 1893. ^[2] He married in 1820 Hannorah Campbell who resided near the Campbell school-house, Poolville. She died in 1823 leaving an infant daughter, Hannorah M. Dunham. In 1825 he married Freeloze Matthewson of Hamilton Center. She died in 1874. In 1878 he married Susan Stacy Ackley, daughter of the noted apostle of "Universalism" Rev. Nathaniel Stacy. She died in 1882.

They resided in Hamilton, Madison Co. New York, and Utica, Oneida Co. NY where he kept a hotel.

From Madison County Deed C:120 dated 14 June 1808, Hazel Dunham Grantee, from father Jonathan Dunham.

Child of Alpha⁸ and Hanorah (Campbell) Dunham:

- i. Honora M.⁹ Dunham b. 25 May 1823, m. Charles W. Clement ^[3]

Children of Alpha⁸ and Freeloze Angel (Mathewson) Dunham: (from find a grave web site) :

- i. Warren Jerome⁹ Dunham 1828-1906
- ii. Olive M.⁹ Dunham (1828-1909) She m. Asaph Richardson.
- iii. Louisa C.⁹ Dunham (1830-1901)
- iv. Fredrick William⁹ Dunham (1832-1909)
- v. Hiram A.⁹ Dunham (1835-1914)
- vi. Abbey L.⁹ Dunham b. 12 March 1837; d. 4 Aug. 1866
She m. Charles Carroll Avery of Poolville
- vii. Eugene Lanartine⁹ Dunham b. 18 Jan. 1839; d. 2 July 1863 at Gettysburg PA
- viii. George Washington⁹ Dunham b. 26 August 1842; d. 12 Dec. 1863 New Ibera,
New Orleans Parish, Louisiana Co. G. 114th Regt. NYSV Civil War
- ix. Ellen A.⁹ Dunham (1846-1921) m. (--) Peck
- x. Hellen⁹ Dunham (twin) on 1855 state census, age 9
- xi. Clement D.⁹ Dunham (1848-1928)

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Joseph Smith and the Dunham Connection

How and where might Jonathan and George Washington Dunham have met Joseph Smith and become influenced by his religious ideas? It is helpful to gather a brief history of Joseph Smith, the founder of Mormonism, and plot the correlation with the Dunham family. (Dunham information is in italics below.)

Joseph Smith, Jr. was born December 23, 1805 in Sharon, Vermont. He was the son of Joseph and Lucy (Mack) Smith. Joseph Smith, Sr. was a farmer and after a failed business venture and three years of crop failures, he moved his family in 1817 to Palmyra, Wayne County, New York. Shortly thereafter Joseph Smith, Sr. took a mortgage on a 100 acre farm in the nearby town of Manchester, Ontario County, New York.

Jonathan Dunham was b. ca. 1800 and George Washington Dunham was b. ca. 1803.

Central New York was an area of intense religious revivalism during the period of the Second Great Awakening (1820s to 1840s). Joseph Smith, Jr. now in his early 20s experienced a series of visions. In one vision an angel directed him to a buried book of golden plates hidden in a hill near his home.

In order to supplement the family income Joseph Smith, Jr. hired out for odd jobs. While boarding at the Hale house in Harmony, Pennsylvania, Smith met and began courting Emma Hale. The couple eloped and married in January 1827, and began boarding with Smith's parents in Manchester, NY. Smith made his last visit to the hill where he had discovered the golden plates on September 22, 1827. By April 1829 Smith was dictating the message from the plates to Oliver Cowdery. They worked full time on the manuscript in the spring of 1829 and then moved to Fayette, Seneca County, NY where they continued to work. When the narrative described a requirement for baptism, Smith and Cowdery baptized each other. The narrative was completed in 1830 and was called The Book of Mormon. It was first published in Palmyra, NY and soon after on April 6, 1830 Smith and followers organized the Church of Christ. Small branches were established in Palmyra, Fayette, and Colesville, NY.

It should be noted that there is a Milon Dunham listed on the 1820 census in Galen, Seneca Co. NY. The identification of this Milon Dunham has not been confirmed by me, but he may be connected to the Dunham family living in Hamilton, Madison Co. NY where the name Milon seems to be used several times. Galen is now in Wayne County, and slightly north of Fayette, Seneca County, NY.

After some unrest in New York Smith directed Oliver Cowdery to go on a mission to proselytize Native Americans. Cowdery was also to locate the site of a New Jerusalem in Missouri. On the way to Missouri, Cowdery's party went through northeastern Ohio, where Sidney Rigdon had established a church. These people converted to Mormonism and Joseph Smith took Rigdon as his primary assistant. Smith gave a revelation stating that Kirtland, Ohio would be the eastern boundary of the New Jerusalem and his followers must gather there. Smith moved to Kirtland,

Ohio in January 1831. Converts poured into Kirtland and by the summer of 1835 there were over 1500 Mormons living there.

This is about the time that Jonathan Dunham, then living in Rushford, Allegany Co. NY convinced a large portion of his family to move to Kirtland, Ohio and join the Mormons.

Smith dedicated the Kirtland Temple in 1836. Kirtland is today an Historic site and visitors can still visit the Kirtland Temple and see houses where Joseph and Emma Smith lived while they were in Kirtland. Since Kirtland is a restored site, it would also give visitors an idea of what life was like in the 1830s when the Dunham family was living there.

After the anti-Mormon persecution by Missourians, and the accusation of treason against Joseph Smith, Brigham Young, now president of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles, rose to prominence. Young organized a move of about 14,000 Mormon refugees to Nauvoo, Illinois.

On June 7, 1844 dissident Mormons published the first and only issue of the *Nauvoo Expositor* which called for reform within the church. Fearing the newspaper would bring the countryside down on the Mormons, the Nauvoo Legion was ordered to destroy the press. Smith was charged and jailed at Carthage for this action. On June 27, 1844 an armed mob stormed Carthage Jail. Hyrum Smith was killed instantly and Joseph Smith tried to escape by jumping out a window. He was shot multiple times and killed.

Jonathan Dunham had been appointed acting Major General of Nauvoo Legion in 1844. He was among those arrested for destruction of the Nauvoo Expositor press. After the death of Hyrum and Joseph Smith, Jonathan Dunham was among those who escorted their bodies into Nauvoo.